Ministry of rural Development has put in place a comprehensive monitoring mechanism to get regular feedback on the implementation of various schemes. State Governments have been impressed upon the need to take immediate corrective measures wherever shortcomings are found in implementation of the schemes. Guidelines are also being laid to ensure financial discipline and to achieve the objectives of the schemes.

Rural Development

51. SHRI S.P.M. SYED KHAN: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of people employed during the last five years in rural areas under various income generation/rural employment schemes implemented by Government; and

(b) the funds allocated under those schemes to the Tamil Nadu during the last five years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA PATIL): (a) The Ministry of Rural Development implements two major schemes namely Swaranjayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana (SGSY) and Sampoorna Gramin Rozgar Yojana (SGRY) to provide self and wage employment opportunities to the families living below the poverty line in rural areas Under SGSY a total number of 46.00 Lakh Swarozgaris have been assisted and 31652.09 Lakh mandays employment has been created under SGRY during the last five years *(i.e.* from 1999-2000 to 2003-2004).

(b) The Central allocation to the State of Tamil Nadu under SGSY was Rs. 19362.70 Lakh and Rs. 84231.44 Lakh under the SGRY during the last five years *(i.e.* from 1999-2000 to 2003-2004).

Landless persons in the Country

T52. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) The State-wise total number of landless persons in the country;

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